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Office Action Summary

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 July 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the unlabeled rectangular boxes shown in the drawings should be provided with descriptive text labels. Figures 2 and 3 are lacking these descriptive text labels. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. This application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). An abstract on a separate sheet is required.

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: a run-on sentence appears on page 2, line 24 to page 3, line 29.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 25 is rejected to because of the following informalities: claim 25 states “a mobile station including a receiver as defined in claim 22”. However, does not define a receiver. Claim 22 defines a method of decoding a data unit. Appropriate correction is required.

5. Claims 33 and 34 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Applicant is required to cancel the claims, or amend the claims to place the claims in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claims in independent form. Claim 16 recites the identical limitation of claim 33. Claim 33 is dependent on claim 16 and, therefore, does not further limit claim 16. Claim 34 recites the identical limitation of claim 34. Claim 34 is dependent on claim 17 and does not further limit claim 17.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 15-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Teder et al (US 5,544,156).

Regarding claims 15, 23 and 24, Teder discloses a method of estimating spreading factors in a CDMA system. The system comprises a transmitter and receiver. The transmitter transmits data over a data channel and control information over a control channel (column 2, lines 43-49). The data is transmitted in parallel to the control information (column 2, lines 43-49). The data is spread according to a spreading factor (column 3, lines 60-64). The control information is decoded and the control information contains power control commands for the corresponding data frame (column 4, lines 15-19). The power information allows the spreading factor to be known since the transmit power will yield the data rate value and the spreading factor (column 4, lines 1-5). The control information is protected by a powerful encoding scheme to minimize errors to the important control information such as power and spreading factor 9column 5, lines 32-39). Once the spreading factor is recovered, the correct spreading code is used to recover the data (column 4, lines 15-19 and column 5, lines 32-39).

Regarding claim 16 and 33, Teder discloses considering interleaving the control information and the data (column 2, lines 27-29).

Regarding claims 17, 18 and 34. The data to be transmitted comprise a plurality of frames. The "data unit" can be one, many or all of these frames.

Regarding claims 19, 26-28, the spreading factor used to decode the frame will be the appropriate spreading factor for each specific frame transmitted. This spreading factor can be the lowest spreading factor.

Regarding claims 20, 29-32, the relationship between the spreading factor, bit rate and transmit power is known (column 4, lines 1-5).

Regarding claim 21, as stated above, once the spreading factor is recovered from the control information, the data frame is despread using the spreading factor (column 4, lines 20-59).

Regarding claim 22, the CDMA system accommodates a plurality of users.

Regarding claim 25, a receiver is disclosed in Teder.

Conclusion

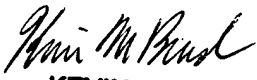
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M. Burd whose telephone number is (571) 272-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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